

Destination Bulk Citrus Fruit Requirements

Exhibit “I”

1) Receivers of bulk citrus fruit shipments are responsible for all of the following:

- a) Collect compliance certification tags and maintain as part of the shipment documentation.
- b) Provide collected compliance certificate tags to the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC) upon request.
- c) Report to the (CAC) any bulk citrus fruit shipment received from any county with an infested area and not accompanied with a valid compliance certificate tag.
- d) Process bulk citrus fruit shipments arriving under compliance certificate tags.
- e) Immediately returning loads to origin that have been found with GWSS adults and/or nymphs on the fruit in the bins prior to the completion of unloading or when (4) four or more GWSS adults or nymphs are found on any side, bottom or skids of a bin or the cab/bed of a truck.
- f) When only one (1) to three (3) GWSS adults or nymphs are found on any side, bottom or skids of a bin or the cab/bed of a truck, appropriate mitigations may be taken (See Destination Risk Mitigation Strategies, Exhibit III). Once the GWSS on the bins and/or truck have been destroyed, the bins shall be immediately placed under hold order and held in a sealed room until inspection can be conducted by the (CAC) the next day.
- g) Immediately notifying the local (CAC) when a GWSS rejected load is being returned to origin or another county.
- h) Preventing GWSS escaping from sealed sweat rooms containing bins under hold order by:
 - i) Covering vent and fan openings with 16 mesh screens in sweat rooms to prevent the accidental escape of GWSS from bins during the degreening process.
 - ii) Sealing the sweat room from the inside by covering cracks and openings with materials (i.e. duct tape) that will block out natural light sources.
 - iii) Leaving lights on inside the sweat room to lessen the insect's movement to other light sources.
 - iv) Maintaining a temperature range between 68°F and 72°F (when degreening is necessary) during the entire hold order process.
- i) Holding loads from infested areas (yellow tagged) if degreening is not necessary, until inspection can be conducted by the (CAC) the next day.
- j) Not breaking a hold order seal on a room that contains bins unless so directed by the CAC.

2) Receivers shall monitor bulk citrus fruit related activities as follows:

- a) Ensure that rejected loads reach designated destinations after rejection and the (CAC) receiving the diverted load is notified upon arrival.
- b) Maintain bulk shipment records for two years.
- c) Make processing facility fully accessible to the Department or the Agricultural Commissioner personnel during operating hours.
- d) Provide training to all appropriate staff in the detection of the GWSS at or about the processing facilities.

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